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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 6,450,968
AB United States Patent No. 6,306,098
AC United States Patent No. 5,443,075
AD United States Patent No. 5,355,893
AL Japanese Application 61-284257
AM European Application 0 833 156
AN United Kingdom Application 2 055 046

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Reference AA was identified and discussed at page 1 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the specification concerning the teachings of that reference. References AC and AM were cited by the Swedish Patent Office in a Search Report rendered in connection with the counterpart Swedish application. A copy of the Swedish Search Report is submitted herewith.

Reference AC also was cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office in connection with the counterpart European application, together with the remaining references. A copy of the European Search Report is submitted herewith.

For the references that are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of Reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language Abstract is attached thereto.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application, and therefore, this Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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